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Via Mail and Fax

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Re: Gulfco Marine Maintenance Superfund Site, Freeport, Texas Respondent's Proposal to Perform a Wetland Sediment Hot Spot Removal

Dear Mr. Pastor,

Thank you for your letter dated April 23, 2010, regarding a wetland sediment removal at the Gulfco Marine Maintenance Superfund Site. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) looks forward to receiving the work plan detailing the proposed wetland sediment removal activities. However, regarding the requested temporary stay for finalizing the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) Problem Formulation and Work Plan & Sampling and Analysis Plan, this document will still be due as described in the EPA's letter dated April 14, 2010. Should an alternative approach be adopted based on the proposed wetland sediment hot spot removal, then the BERA and sampling and analysis plan may be adjusted as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-8318, or send an e-mail message to miller.garyg@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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